

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1245

By Russell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Debbie Williams Cook of Lenoir City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Debbie Williams Cook; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Williams Cook was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cook served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the City of Lenoir City from 1977 until her retirement in 2007; during her tenure she served as clerk and chief deputy clerk, and was twice elected to the office of Lenoir City Recorder/Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, she was an active and devout member of Calvary Baptist Church, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Williams Cook was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cook enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband of thirty-three years, Ray Cook, and was the proud parent of sons Brian (Becky) Fritts and Tim Guider; she is further survived by her grandchildren, Brianna Fritts, Madison Fritts, and Cade Fritts; brother and sister-in-law, Alan and Debbie Williams; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Charlie Gamble, Gary and Trish Cook, Pat and Jim Amburn, Debbie Cook, and Tony and Mary Ellen Cook; nieces, DeAnn Bogus and Jennifer (Greg) Perkey; nephews, Curt Williams, Andy Williams, and Brad Williams; and a host of extended family and dear friends; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her parents, Curtis and Tiajaunia Plemons Williams; her sister, Bernita Williams Gamble; and her sister-in-law, Janie Berry; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Williams Cook leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Debbie Williams Cook, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Cook.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.